

ENVIRONMENTAL Fact Sheet



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River Classifications and State Regulated Protection Measures As They Apply To Each Classification

	<u>RIVER CLASSIFICATIONS</u>			
	<u>Natural</u>	<u>Rural</u>	<u>Rural-Community</u>	<u>Community</u>
<u>Activities Allowed</u>				
<u>Dams & Encroachments</u>				
Construction of New Dams	No	No	No	Yes
Reconstruction of Breached Dams	No	Yes (within six years)	Yes (within six years)	Yes
Channel Alterations	No (excluding repair)	Yes (with conditions)	Yes (with conditions)	Yes (with conditions)
<u>Water Quality/ Water Quantity</u>				
Water Quality	Class A or B	Class B	Class B	Class B
Interbasin Transfers	No	No	No	No
Protected Instream Flow	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<u>Waste Disposal</u>				
New Landfills	No (within 250 ft.)	No (within 250 ft.)	No (within 250 ft.)	No (within 250 ft.)
New Hazardous Waste Facilities	No (within 250 ft.)	No (within 250 ft.)	No (within 250 ft.)	No (within 250 ft.)
Other New Solid Waste Facilities	No (within 250 ft.)	No (within 250 ft.)	No (within 250 ft.)	No (within 250 ft.)
New Septic Systems	No (within 75 ft.)	No (within 75 ft.)	No (within 75 ft.)	No (within 75 ft.)
New Auto Junk Yards	No (within 250 ft.)	No (within 250 ft.)	No (within 250 ft.)	No (within 250 ft.)
<u>Fertilizer</u>				
Limestone	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sludge and Septage	No (within 250 ft.) Conditions apply	No (within 250 ft.) Conditions apply	No (within 250 ft.) Conditions apply	No (within 250 ft.) Conditions apply
Low Phosphorus, Slow Release Nitrogen	No (within 25 ft.)	No (within 25 ft.)	No (within 25 ft.)	No (within 25 ft.)

All Other Fertilizers	No (within 25 ft.)	No (within 25 ft.)	No (within 25 ft.)	No (within 25 ft.)
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Pesticides and Herbicides

All pesticides and herbicides	Yes (with conditions)	Yes (with conditions)	Yes (with conditions)	Yes (with conditions)
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Recreation Use

Motorized Watercraft	No	Yes (within 150 ft. of shoreline, only “headway” speed)	Yes (within 150 ft. of shoreline, only “headway” speed)	Yes (within 150 ft. of shoreline, only “headway” speed)
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New Building

Primary Structure	No (within 50 ft.)	No (within 50 ft.)	No (within 50 ft.)	No (within 50 ft.)
Multiple Dwellings	Yes (with conditions)	Yes (with conditions)	Yes (with conditions)	Yes (with conditions)
Impervious Surface Cover	Yes (with conditions)	Yes (with conditions)	Yes (with conditions)	Yes (with conditions)
Subdivision	Yes (with approval)	Yes (with approval)	Yes (with approval)	Yes (with approval)

Buffer Removal

Natural Ground Cover	No (within 50 ft., except for 6 ft. path)	No (within 50 ft., except for 6 ft. path)	No (within 50 ft., except for 6 ft. path)	No (within 50 ft., except for 6 ft. path)
Stumps, Roots and Rocks	No (within 50 ft.)	No (within 50 ft.)	No (within 50 ft.)	No (within 50 ft.)

For further information about the N.H. Rivers Management and Protection Program visit the DES website at www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/rivers/index.htm or contact Steve Couture, Rivers Coordinator, 29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95, Concord, NH 03302-0095; (603) 271-8801; steven.couture@des.nh.gov.